

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

LUIS RIVERA,

Defendant.

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

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**ORDER**

The Court will hold an initial conference in this action on **April 26, 2021**, at **11:00 a.m.**, using the Court’s videoconferencing software. *See In re Coronavirus/Covid-19 Pandemic*, No. 20 Misc. 176 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 11, 2021), ECF No. 5 (“[C]onditions make it necessary for the judges in this District to continue to conduct proceedings remotely, by video conference or teleconference” and that “use of video teleconferencing, or telephone conferencing if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available, is authorized . . . with the consent of the defendant . . . after consultation with counsel[.]”).

To optimize the quality of the video feed, only the Court, Defendant, defense counsel, and counsel for the Government will appear by video for the proceeding; all others may participate by telephone. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the conference by dialing (855) 268-7844, and entering access code 32091812# and PIN 9921299#. All of those accessing the conference—whether in listen-only mode or otherwise—are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

If possible, defense counsel shall discuss the attached Waiver of Right to be Present at a Criminal Proceeding with Defendant prior to the proceedings. If the Defendant consents, and is able to sign the form (either personally or, in accordance with Standing Order 20 Misc. 174 of March 27, 2020, by defense counsel), defense counsel shall e-mail the executed form to chambers **at least 24 hours prior to the proceeding**. In the event the Defendant consents, but

counsel is unable to obtain or affix the Defendant's signature on the form, the Court will conduct an inquiry at the outset of the proceeding to determine whether it is appropriate for the Court to add the Defendant's signature to the form.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 21, 2021  
New York, New York



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ANALISA TORRES  
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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**WAIVER OF RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AT  
CRIMINAL PROCEEDING**

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\_\_\_\_\_,  
Defendant.  
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Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ hereby voluntarily consents to participate in the following proceeding via video conference:

- \_\_\_ Initial Appearance/Appointment of Counsel
- \_\_\_ Arraignment (If on Felony Information, Defendant Must Sign Separate Waiver of Indictment Form)
- \_\_\_ Preliminary Hearing on Felony Complaint
- \_\_\_ Bail/Revocation/Detention Hearing
- \_\_\_ Status and/or Scheduling Conference
- \_\_\_ Misdemeanor Plea/Trial/Sentence

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Defendant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defense Counsel's Signature

(Judge may obtain verbal consent on  
Record and Sign for Defendant)

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Print Defendant's Name

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Print Defense Counsel's Name

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U.S. District Judge